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FOR Z. BRZEZINSKI

FOL TEL AVIV 0667 SENT ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO INFO JERUSALEM JAN 14,
1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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EXDIS -- HANDLE AS NODIS

FOR ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, EG, IS, US, XF

SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM TALKS

REF: (A) STATE 10944 (B) TEL AVIV 0657 (C) STATE 10972

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL CONFIRM OUR TELCON LATE THIS EVENING.
2. I TOLD DAYAN AT 1745 JANUARY 14 THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO
ASK EILTS TO PROPOSE TO SADAT DAYAN'S REFORMULATION OF POINT B,
SUBJECT TO ALL THE CLARIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

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IN REF (A).

HE WAS VERY PLEASED, AND SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST WITH BEGIN.

3. IT WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. EVRON CALLED AT 1900 TO SAY DAYAN
WOULDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME UNTIL LATER. EVRON AND ATTORNEY
GENERAL BARAK CALLED AT 2200, ON BEGIN'S INSTRUCTIONS, AT THE
END OF THE MEETING OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET,

TO GIVE ME THE DECISION: (DAYAN HAD LEFT JERUSALEM FOR HOME
IN TEL AVIV)

4. BEGIN CANNOT ACCEPT EITHER OUR VERSION OR DAYAN'S VERSION
OF POINT B. HE IS STILL PREOCCUPIED WITH ISSUE OF TERRITORY
VS INHABITANTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

5. BARAK SAID THAT HE WAS NOW CHARGED BY THE CABINET AND
BEGIN WITH EXPLAINING THE GOI POSITION TO ME. HE SAID THERE ARE
SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES -- ALL ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL.
THEY ARE OUTLINED BELOW IN PARA 6.
IF THE EGYPTIANS WILL ACCEPT ANY ONE OF THEM THEN WE CAN CONSIDER
THE AGENDA TO BE AGREED.

6. ALTERNATIVE ONE: A AND C REMAIN THE SAME AS IN OUR CURRENT
PROPOSAL.

"B" WOULD READ: "THE GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS."

-- ALTERNATIVE TWO (A): A AND C REMAIN THE SAME; OMIT B ENTIRELY.

-- ALTERNATIVE TWO (B): C REMAINS; OMIT B; A REMAINS THE SAME,
BUT WITH ADDITION OF PHRASE THAT WOULD MAKE CLEAR PRINCIPLES FOR
DEALING WITH PALESTINIAN ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AS PART OF
DEVELOPMENT OF DECLARATION.

"A" WOULD THEREFORE READ: "A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH
WOULD GOVERN THE NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF THE (PALESTINAIN ARABS
RESIDING IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND GAZA -- ISRAELI

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LANGUAGE) (PALESTINIAN PROBLEM--OR OTHER
EGYPTIAN LANGUAGE)" I.E. SPLIT LANGUAGE
FOR THE FINAL PHRASE.

-- ALTERNATIVE THREE: A REMAINS THE
SAME -- OR COULD IF DESIRED BE MODIFIED AS IN ALTERNATIVE TWO (B);
B AND C ARE DROPPED. NEW POINT B WOULD READ: "AFTER THE
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES HAS BEEN
COMPLETED, OTHER PORTIONS OF THE AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSED.
ALTERNATIVE FOUR: NO AGENDA, EITHER WITH MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO
PROCEED DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATIONS;
OR WITH AGREEMENT THAT DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA WOULD BE THE
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

7. I TOLD BARAK THIS LAST IDEA WOULD BE TOTALLY
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SECRETARY VANCE
SAW NO VALUE IN COMING TO JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS AGENDAS.

8. AFTER TRYING AGAIN UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET BARAK TO ACCEPT
OUR ORIGINAL "POINT B", I SAID I WOULD FORWARD IMMEDIATELY THE
ISRAELI ALTERNATIVES. HE REITERATED THAT ANY ONE OF THEM
WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL. LEWIS UNQUOTE
VANCE

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